

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

H.R. 2487 includes \$650,000 in the COPS Tech account for the Kansas Regional Community Policing Institute. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmont St., Wichita, KS 67260.

The funds will be used to continue the operation of the Kansas Regional Community Policing Institute (KsRCPI) to provide training and technical assistance to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Kansas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on congressionally directed spending, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed spending I received as part of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Project Name: Tarleton State University Rural Law Enforcement

Account: DOJ OJP—Byrne

Project Recipient and Address: Tarleton State University, 1333 W. Washington Ave., Stephenville, TX 76402.

Amount Provided: \$1,500,000

Project Description: Small cities and rural jurisdictions are often manpower and budget limited to accomplish all the duties necessary to their missions. While the insertion of modern information technology and associated criminal justice technology is intended to make local law enforcement operations more efficient and informed, the initial integration of computer technology can be manpower intensive and, overwhelming. The objective of this initiative is to establish a rural law enforcement information technology and anti-terrorism service at Tarleton State University. Its focus will be to provide information technology assistance and anti-terrorism training to small city and county law enforcement operations in coordination with other State and Federal chartered information and assistance resources.

Benefit to Taxpayers: The objective of this initiative is to establish a technology assessment capability to contribute to the U.S. De-

partment of Justice's National Resources Center for evaluation of information technology products for use in information sharing for criminal justice matters of interest to local and concurrent jurisdictions. In addition, small and rural jurisdictions have very limited access to anti-terrorism training. The Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of Homeland Security are cooperators with Tarleton in this initiative. In addition, anti-terrorism technology and training will be conducted as endorsed by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). Standardized DHS/FEMA/DoD curricula have been and will be delivered to small and rural jurisdictions. Emergency preparedness training and anti-terrorist response teams training will be included.

Spending Plan:

Salaries (25%): 375,000

Travel (2%): 30,000

Records Management & Database (73%): 1,125,000

Total: 1,500,000

Project Name: Belton, Texas First Responder Equipment, Technology and Interoperability Upgrades

Account: DOJ OJP—Byrne

Project Recipient and Address: The City of Belton, TX 333 Water Street, Belton, TX 76513.

Amount Provided: \$700,000

Project Description: Federal funds will be used to acquire equipment, technology and communications apparatus that will enable first responders in Belton, TX to address crime that occurs due to the City's location at the intersection of I-35 and I-190. In addition to upgrading antiquated equipment, this funding will assist in the identification, prosecution and cleanup of drug-related crimes, including methamphetamines. As the county seat, enhanced equipment will benefit Bell County by resuming Belton's participation in the Central Texas Narcotics Task Force; bringing Belton current with state of the art communications equipment; improving emergency response due to updated emergency sirens; and by standardizing department weapons.

Benefit to District: Funds will address four goals: Interoperability; Public Safety and Emergency Operations Enhancement; Drug Interdiction; and Training and Technology Enhancements. As the county seat, funds will benefit Bell County by Belton's participation in the Central Texas Narcotics Task Force; modernizing communications equipment; improving emergency response; and by standardizing department weapons.

Spending Plan:

I. Communications Interoperability, \$303,200; Handheld Radios—38 @ \$3,650; Mobile Data Terminals—Police/Fire—18 @ \$7,750; Police Negotiator "Throw" Phone—1 @ \$25,000.

II. Emergency Operations Enhancement, \$121,100; Outdoor Emergency Sirens—2 @ \$25,000; Defibrillators for buildings/vehicles—29 @ \$2,100; Standardized Police Department Weapons.

III. Drug Interdiction \$350,000; Central Texas Narcotics Task Force; K-9 Unit.

IV. Police Technology and Training, \$115,370; Police "Shoot/Don't Shoot" Simulator; Automatic Ticket Writers—12 @ \$4,785; Dry Safe Cabinet for Evidence Handling.

Training Mannequin

Total Project Cost, \$889,670

Federal Appropriations Request, \$700,000

Private Contribution, \$189,670

Project Name: Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment

Account: DOJ OJP—Byrne

Project Recipient and Address: City of Round Rock, TX, 221 E. Main Street, Round Rock, TX 78664.

Amount Provided: \$300,000

Project Description: The city of Round Rock's Police Department has a critical need for criminal investigation funding, life-saving SWAT equipment, and key individual officer equipment and facilities. The equipment provided by this funding would be used by officers to fight and prevent crime in many areas, including gang and drug-related activities, routine criminal investigations, security surveillance, and large-scale emergency response.

Benefit to District: The Round Rock Police Department, a subset of the city of Round Rock, Texas government, is responsible for the safety of the citizens of Round Rock, Texas and those who visit it.

Spending Plan:

Criminal Investigations: \$120,000; Forensic software, Trackers, Kell Kit, Light/pole surveillance cameras, MCT's, IR Camera.

SWAT: \$60,000; Scout/robot, CINT-negotiations management.

Individual Officer Equipment: \$120,000; Tasers, Vehicles, Cameras, Recording devices.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I, and Rep. JOHN CULBERSON, have secured \$350,000 for the

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Houston Police Department to be used towards enforcement of illegal possession and distribution of Methamphetamine/ICE, Heroin, Cocaine and Marijuana throughout the Houston region. The Houston Police Department intends to use the funds for classified overtime for Narcotics Personnel, for the purchase of covert equipment, for the purchase of evidence/information, for the purchase of block overtime expenses for general personnel, and for investigative travel. The Targeted Narcotics Enforcement Team (TNET) is an enforcement group whose mission is to carry out investigations addressing the broad spectrum of drug trafficking in and through the Houston region. The goal is to identify, target, and disrupt or dismantle major drug trafficking organizations operating on a regional scale. However, TNET is unique in its efforts by focusing on the full organization. With investigators continuously developing confidential sources (CS) along the Texas-Mexico border, the group is able to target major Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). TNET also works through its coalition of investigators, attorneys, inspectors, and citizen groups to target the dealers and end users that make the DTOs' work profitable. Over the past several years, Mexican DTOs have taken over the production of Methamphetamine and the more crystallized meth known as "ICE." Once dominated by domestic labs, Mexican DTOs now produce the bulk of methamphetamine powder and ICE. These DTOs have utilized the same smuggling routes and techniques that have been used in the past. TNET has quickly adapted to this new threat and has successfully targeted these Methamphetamine DTOs. Additional resources will enhance our ability to combat these sophisticated DTOs.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County, TX Constable Precinct #4

Address of Requesting Entity: 16000 Stuebner Airline Road, Suite 520, Spring, TX 77379

Description of Request: I have secured \$90,000 in funding to be used to provide a uniform manner of handling violent crimes against woman within this precinct by supporting an investigating deputy for the precinct. This way cases will be worked on 24 hours a day and have a faster completion time. The investigating deputy shall make the scene when an incident is reported and interview all victim(s), suspect(s), and witness(es) while at the scene. Collect all evidence at the scene and provide the victim(s) with a written notification of their "Victim Rights" found in the departmental issued Victim Assistance pamphlet. The investigator shall initiate a case report and post the case on the office information board so that all patrol deputies may be informed of the case.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I have secured \$910,000 for the Houston Police Department to purchase more LiveScan equipment, enabling them to capture electronic fingerprints and be part of the IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program which enables them to determine in seconds as opposed to days the alienage and criminal history of those they apprehend through the federal Law Enforcement Support Center. They still need 9 more machines to be fully electronic under IAFIS city wide. Additionally, funding will be used to purchase additional handheld devices that would be given to police officers to quickly capture biometric information of suspects and quickly determine their criminal histories, outstanding warrants, whether they have an order of removal or bench warrant for a failure to appear for an immigration proceeding from Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Detention and Removal's deportable felon database.

RECOGNIZING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE FROM THE COLES DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. On June 27, 2009 the department will hold its 60th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, marking its 60th year of service to the residents of Prince William County.

Prince William County has changed drastically since the Coles Department was established in 1949 as the Independent Hill Volunteer Fire Department. At that time, the early fire notification system consisted of a 110 foot fire tower that looked out over Prince William County's largely wooded landscape. Just six community volunteers handled the department's workload in those early years.

After years of expansion and the construction of a new fire station in 1979, the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad continues to be an invaluable resource for the Prince William community. The membership has grown to 45 life, active, junior and associate members. These members are business executives, police officers, professional firefighters, information technology professionals, tradesmen and other civil servants in local and federal government. Each year, they dedicate tens of thousands of volunteer hours to promoting and protecting the safety of their friends and neighbors.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the members, past and present, of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The dedication of these community volunteers has ensured that the Coles Department will remain a vibrant and robust organization, delivering vital services to residents during an emergency.

And to every member of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department, I say, "Stay Safe."

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

MR. CROWLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

The Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill makes investments that are important to hard-working families and vital to the well-being of local communities. It keeps cops on the beat, helps small and mid-size companies remain competitive in the global economy, and provides legal assistance to those unable to afford it. It also funds the census, and this year's bill includes \$7.4 billion in funding for the U.S. Census Bureau, matching the President's request.

Every decade, we recount our nation's population. The Commerce Department oversees this massive effort, and it is gearing up for the 2010 recount. The importance of the census cannot be overstated.

The census is not just a head count of our population, but a snapshot of how Americans are living, including their family relationships, economic status and much more. The data collected is incredibly important because it is used to help dictate how federal and state money is appropriated for health, education and transportation initiatives; to guide local planning decisions, such as where to build schools and roads; and to determine private business investments, such as where to locate a company or expand business.

There are, however, many challenges in conducting the census and 2010 will be even more difficult than in years past. Population growth means there are more people to count and more homes to visit. Furthermore, among immigrant and non-English speaking populations, there are fears of deportation, language barriers, and mistrust of government, which have left many areas of our country undercounted in the past.

We cannot let the past repeat itself. We have an obligation to our constituents to ensure they are counted in 2010. And, the \$7.4 billion in this bill for the U.S. Census Bureau will be used, in part, to raise awareness of the upcoming census, educate individuals on the importance of their participation, and teach people about the benefits that will come to their community as a result of their participation.

We must inform them that census workers are legally prohibited from reporting a resident's legal status. We must inform them that for the first time a bilingual form will be sent to neighborhoods with large Spanish speaking populations and, as before, the form will be available in other major languages. We must inform them that their participation will only serve to help them and their community.